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THE OXFORD MOVEMENT of Propaganda Ministry Section in Munich

Oxford Movement used by Nazis

Among the sundry young men, disseminating propaganda in Munich was a dreamy looking individual, Dr. (Franz?) Hoffmann, who first appeared on the political scene as assistant of Fritz Hartmann, Hitler's Foreign Press Chief. 77

Hoffmann's English was not very good, but his appeal to the visiting schoolteachers and the early equivalents of Elisabeth Dilling at the Party Caucus in Nuremberg, was great. If he could not get the old girls to share his religious adoration of Hitler, he would try religion of the more orthodox variety. He was one of the specialists the Nazis picked to combat the Oxford Movement. Hoffmann described this movement as an ideal vehicle for spreading "understanding for the Oxford movement."

Hoffmann used to spend his vacations in England, with a view to doing a great deal of flirting with the English girls. Since Hartmann was convinced flirting was the best of all things, Hoffmann returned from one of his vacations with an English wife, a rather lovely creature which he did not show around much. His interest in the Oxford Movement remained very active. For a while, he thought of embarking on a Christian Science trail, but apparently he and his comrades met with some rebuffs because he dropped the matter rather quickly. Though many of the German members of the Christian Science Church sought to introduce Nazi ideas into it (they enforced the conversion of Jews to please the Nazi masters), the Gestapo and police authorities took drastic measures against the Christian Science practitioners, whereas most of the Oxford group people fared better. When the Germans invaded Denmark they felt that the Oxford Movement people had helped "keep the population quiet."

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